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FAR EASTERN DISPUTE DISCUSSED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

GEN. CHIANG CAUSES SENSATION

LEAVES SHANGHAI ON EVE OF CONFERENCE

RUMOURS THAT 19th ARMY DO NOT DESIRE PEACE.

ELEVENTH HOUR APPOINTMENT

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, To-day.

A sensation was created when a bulletin of the 19th Route Army announced that General Chiang Kuang-nai, the Chief Commander and the principal military delegate at the first formal peace conference, had suddenly left Shanghai, and did not intend to attend the meeting.

Wild speculation was caused in Chinese circles, where it was rumoured that the disagreement of the Chinese diplomatic and military authorities over peace negotiations, and Chiang's refusal to represent China militarily, is interpreted as a sign that the 19th Army is unwilling to talk peace with the Japanese.

The Government, at the eleventh hour, appointed General Tai Chi, the Shanghai and Woosung Garrison Commissioner, as chief delegate rather than risk a postponement to the conference.

CONFERENCE POSTPONED.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Shanghai, To-day.

The first formal Peace Conference, scheduled to take place this morning, has been postponed till to-morrow, apparently because China has not yet designated her chief military delegate.

General Chiang Kuang-nai, who was previously mentioned for the post, suddenly left for the front yesterday morning.

It is expected in local Chinese circles that General Gaston Wang, the Chief-of-Staff of the 19th Army, may be appointed as China's military delegate.

MANCHURIAN PEACE LYTTON COMMISSION VITAL.

TO SEPARATE.

National Defence of Japan.

STRENGTH REINFORCED.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Tokyo, Yesterday. Declaring that the situation in Manchuria was still far from easy and requires constant vigilance, the Minister for War, in a speech to the Diet this afternoon, asserted that:

"Peace in Manchuria from the stand-point of national defence is vital for Japan and therefore it is necessary that the present strength of Japanese troops there is maintained and, if possible, reinforced. This point is now being studied by the authorities."

Three Divisions Maintained.

Tokyo, Later. Mr. Araki, the Minister for War, reviewed in his speech the development of the military operations both in Manchuria and Shanghai.

He solemnly declared that

the magnitude and profundity of the questions involved rendered the situation "even more serious for Japan than the Russo-Japanese War, in certain respects."

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emphasis of the necessity for maintaining at least the present strength of troops in Manchuria as foreshadowing the permanent stationing of about three divisions in Manchuria, instead of only one as prior to September 18 last year.

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BRITISH POLICY OUTLINED BY SIR JOHN SIMON

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LEAGUE SATISFACTORY REPORTS OF JAPANESE WITHDRAWALS

SETTLEMENT OF SINO-JAPANESE DISPUTE NOT SOUGHT BY MILITARY PRESSURE.

London, Yesterday. The Rt. Hon. G. Lansbury initiated the debate on the Far Eastern dispute for the purpose of ascertaining the policy of the Government and said that months had passed with very little progress having been made towards a settlement. He also enquired as to the Government's views concerning the Disarmament Conference.

Japan Blunders. Although he recognised Japan's position and her inability to find a sufficient market, he considered that Japan had blundered in China, and that all countries must be thankful for the stand the United States had taken in conjunction with the League.

Lengue's Attitude. He then asked Sir John Simon what the League proposed to do to eject the Japanese from Manchuria, and also concerning the Japanese communication relating to Manchurian Customs, and requested Sir John to pay attention to the fact that such action by the Japanese Government was contrary to British interests, the League Covenant, and the Washington Treaty.

Sir Austen Speaks Out. Sir Austen Chamberlain recognises the powerful influence which Sir John Simon exercised on the Councils of the League in bringing together nations, which from the outset were widely divided, and he deprecated the use of hard words against Japan. Hard words never settled international controversies.

He deprecated the Rt. Hon. Lansbury's suggestion that, if trouble broke out in the Settlement, British nationals should be evacuated owing to the serious consequences. Such a step, which would destroy the whole of our trade with China and deprive us of any influence in the Councils of Asiatic Powers, would stamp us as people who forgot traditions and were neither willing to help the needy nor to protect our own people when in danger.

Desire for China's Prosperity. He hoped that nothing would be done to prevent the full restoration of the old Anglo-Japanese friendship. As regards China we had no territorial ambitions there or elsewhere, only desiring to see China strong and prosperous.

Japanese Withdrawals. Sir John Simon announced that the Japanese Ambassador had informed him that orders had been given for the withdrawal of the greater part of the Japanese warships and some land forces from Shanghai and added that preliminary peace discussions had been reported to have closed satisfactorily and a formal conference was to be held on March 23. (Cheers).

Sir John enumerated the Japanese naval force in Chinese waters and said that Japan was reducing her naval forces to something not much greater than at normal times.

Satisfactory News.

He said that he was very far from saying that the news was encouraging, but it was the same thing as having secured the final arrangements which would be

necessary before this part of the Far Eastern trouble could be terminated as far as the definite cessation of hostilities was concerned.

He agreed that it was not only a thing to be still considered, but it was a definite and satisfactory piece of news.

Holding the Scales Fairly.

Sir John declared, "we have done our utmost, with the invaluable assistance of our diplomatic, consular, naval, and military representatives on the spot, to hold the scales fairly and to carry out the League principles, and we have earnestly tried and co-operated with the other Powers in Shanghai when no advantage would have been gained by our taking up a special position of priority of action."

United States Co-operating. He further said that the House of Commons was entitled to feel

that the United States were joining with ourselves and the other great Powers interested in the Far East in endeavouring to promote the great purposes common to the League Covenant and the Pact of Paris.

Danger of Hustle.

He added that he did not wish, however, to speak too hopefully, for one learned from Rudyard Kipling of the dangers lying in wait for anybody who tried to hustle in the East, but the latest news was quite definitely encouraging.

The Customs Question.

Referring to the question of the preservation of the Chinese Customs Administration in Manchuria, Sir John said that the arrangements made for the arrangement of Customs Duties to a paid foreign loan service could equally, as far as he knew, be made in Manchuria.

As far as he knew nobody attempted to dispossess the present authorities there and certainly we should take, as other countries would, the gravest and most serious notice of any suggestion that the Customs service in China was going to be so dealt with, so as to interfere prejudicially with the undoubted rights that various foreign interests had over the Customs with payment by loans.

The New State in Manchuria.

Sir John, in referring to the suggestion that the new State of Manchuria was established by Japan, said that no one was entitled to say that as an accepted fact, except on the principle that one was entitled to pass judgment without enquiry and in the face of a denial.

He pointed out that the Japanese Government had declared that it was no more likely to recognise the new administration than the other countries, and does not admit that it is the administration which she had set up. (He (Sir John) would not say anything one way or the other, as it would not do to accept as gospel any information which was prejudicial to one side, and refuse to wait for enquiry. They must await the report of the League Commission.

The new administration was not one which he should think any country was likely to prematurely to recognise, for nobody recognised any Government which is established under such circumstances without the fullest enquiry of the circumstances and without being satisfied that it was a responsible Government.

He referred to the Manchurian Government gradually assumed the nature of a movement for autonomy, and that a declaration of independence was later made.

He said he was certain it would be in the best interests of the new State if it respected the existing treaties and the rights and interests of foreigners and to

adhere faithfully to the principle of the Open Door.

He said that Japan's interests in Manchuria were mainly commercial, and whether in China they

mainly economic, and deserved

that it would be better if the two countries

CAPTAIN BAHNSON ELECTED

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

SURPRISING DEFEATS OF MR. HUGHES AND MR. CARNEY.

JAPANESE HEAD THE POLL

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, To-day.

For the first time in the Municipal history of Shanghai a representative of a continental country other than Germany was elected to a seat in the Municipal Council in the person of Captain Bahnsen, Manager of the Great Northern Telegraph. This is the first time since 1914 that a European, other than of British nationality, has secured a place.

Prior, and even during the early days, to the Great War the German community was represented by Mr. Figge, Manager of the German Bank, until the latter resigned his seat.

This year's elections resulted in a dual upset inasmuch as Mr. Hughes (British), Mr. Carney (American), both retiring councillors, were unexpectedly defeated.

Mr. Fukushima, one of the two Japanese candidates who headed the poll, expressed gratification that he still retained the confidence of the Electorate and voiced his regret at the defeat of Mr. Carney as it was understood that Japanese voters intended balloting in favour of two American candidates, but only Mr. Raven was returned, which was a particular pity because at this time all nations must maintain a solid front and face the present crisis.

It is the informed opinion that the election of Capt. Bahnsen was due to a strong desire to make the Council more representative of all communities.

JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY.

Political Interests in Manchuria.

ECONOMIC IN CHINA.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.) Tokyo, Yesterday. Mr. Yoshizawa, addressing the Diet on Japan's foreign policy this afternoon, declared that it was while the Japanese marines were moving in to their positions, in accordance with the general plan for the defence of the International Settlement at Shanghai, that they were fired on by the Chinese.

He denied that it was the Japanese marines who started the trouble.

Referring to Manchuria he said that the efforts of local leaders to maintain peace after the fall of the Manchurian Government gradually assumed the nature of a movement for autonomy, and that a declaration of independence was later made.

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AMERICANS LOSE ONE OF THEIR SEATS.

Shanghai Municipal Elections.

FIVE BRITONS RETURNED.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.) Shanghai, Yesterday.

The chief surprise in the Shanghai Municipal Elections to-day was that the Americans lost one of their two seats, Mr. Carney not being returned.

The polling took place yesterday and to-day when the following were elected:

	Votes
Mr. Fukushima (Japanese)	1218
Mr. Okamoto (Japanese)	1210
Mr. H. E. Arnold (British)	1162
Mr. A. B. Bell (British)	986
Mr. N. Lees (British)	895
Mr. Raven (American)	882
Mr. P. W. Massey (British)	846
Capt. J. J. Bahnsen (Danish)	843
Mr. H. D. F. Beith (British)	840
The unselected candidates were:	
Mr. Carney (724), Mr. A. J. Hughes (589), Mr. A. de C. Sowerby (418), Mr. A. M. Cardnan (390), Mr. G. E. Marden (384) and Mr. H. M. Cumine (244).	

National Government abandoned its anti-Japanese policy and directed its energies towards achieving internal unity and peace.

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ROUND HONG KONG'S CINEMA THEATRES

MAIL REVIEWERS.

"THE SEA BAT."

Good acting, coupled with outstanding photographic achievements and a South Sea setting, make Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's film "The Sea Bat," now showing at the Star Theatre, worth while seeing. Charles Bickford and Raquel Torres head the cast, others of prominence being Nila Asther (this first talkie), John Miljan and George F. Marion.

Natives diving for sponges during the day, Voodoo dancing at night, and exciting battles with the Giant Ray (a large sea monster) form interesting features of the film.

Bickford is seen in the role of an escaped prisoner who, disguised as a clergyman, lands in the island and falls in love with Miss Torres.

OFFICIAL SOURCES.

"HUCKLEBERRY FINN."

Of twenty speaking parts in the motion picture, "Huckleberry Finn," which will be shown at the King's Theatre to-morrow, four are carried by well-known juvenile players, Jackie Coogan, Mitzi Green, Junior Durkin and Jackie Searl, all of them continuing the roles in which they won favour in "Tom Sawyer."

Several adult players seen in "Tom Sawyer" again play the same characters in "Huckleberry Finn," the second of the Mark Twain classics to come to the screen. Clara Blandick will again hold sway over the Sawyer boys, as Aunt Polly. Jane Darwell continues as the efficient Widow Douglas. Huck Finn's guardian angel.

Two veteran actresses, Cecil Weston and Lillian Harmer were signed for the roles of Mrs. Thatcher, and a companion of Widow Douglas. Miss Weston brings an experience of thirty years on the stage and screen to her difficult character role. Miss Harmer was a prominent stage figure for seventeen years before she entered pictures.

Eugene Pallette, Oscar Apfel, Warner Richmond, Guy Oliver, Frank McGlynn, Aileen Manning and Clarence Muse have important parts.

"Huckleberry Finn" was directed by Norman Taurog, maker of the recent youngster hit, "Skippy," and of "ForbIDDEN ADVENTURE," the Sinclair Lewis story of young folk and their mothers. The picture was filmed at the Paramount studio in Hollywood and on location. An entire country town, of the 1850 vintage, was re-created near Hollywood as a setting for the story.

Nearly two hundred children, of assorted ages, have parts in the picture. The juvenile cast of "Huckleberry Finn" is much larger than that of either "Tom Sawyer" or "Skippy."

FAIRBANKS' TRAVEL FILM.

Those big crowds who attended the Central Theatre within the last three days were greatly thrilled and amused when they saw Douglas Fairbanks' "Around the World in 80 Minutes" showing on the screen. With three companions, Doug actually travelled out to strange lands in search of new thrills, and that he found them is amply verified by the record of his camera. To see the picture is actually to accompany Doug and share the fascinating adventures he found. Through China, Japan, India, Siam, Indo-

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China and the Philippines went Doug and his conferees in adventure, shooting wild beasts, meeting kings, queens and celebrities, visiting sacred and historic spots, mingling with the surging tides of oriental humanity—looking always for the unusual, the extraordinary, and always finding it.

Before the magic of Doug's sense of humour, thrills give way to laughs on the least provocation. "Around the World" could well be called comedy, one of the best of this or any other year.

The fascinating features of this film are too numerous to enumerate. Always after the first gasp of amazement, there is a succeeding flood of laughter at Doug's witty quips. Famous personages speak from the screen and there is a running flow of explanation from Doug, most of it being in a humorous vein.

To miss this film is to miss one of the finest and most sensational entertainments the screen has yet offered. It is a mixture of magic and reality which will fascinate the grown-ups and bring delight to the children as well.

BRIAN AHERNE.

Brian Aherne looks different in his first talkie, "The W Plan," which will be shown at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow. He plays the part of a British officer masquerading as a German officer, which necessitates a monocle, one of those delicate haircuts, and a bumptious little moustache. It's the kind of moustache that puts you in your place and suggests that your spelling is bad and your nose too red, and your banking account overdrawn. You know the kind! And Victor Saville, who nursed it into being, feels all the responsibility of a conscientious gardener.

During the production of this picture, Brian was caught smoking a cigarette. Victor snatched it from his mouth, with the greatest indignation. "Hi," shouted Victor, "you'll burn my moustache!" People from Birmingham are funny that way.

NATALIE MOORHEAD.

Natalie Moorhead, one of the most notable portrayers of man-charmer roles on the talking screen, avows that vamping comedians is twice as difficult as vamping the unwary heroes of straight drama. "I laugh up my sleeve," she declared, "while putting dramatic characters under my eye . . . spell. That's an essential part of the characterisation.

"But when I loosed this particular form of theatrical artistry on Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey in "Hook, Line and Sinker," I found it difficult to keep from laughing right out loud. On two occasions their reactions were too much for me and I really had to laugh!"

The production, a Radio Pictures "special" comes to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday next.

"TILLY OF BLOOMSBURY."

Phyllis Konstam had a remarkable tribute paid to her after the shooting of a dramatic scene in "Tilly of Bloomsbury," the Sterling Film Co., Ltd., talkie production which is showing to-day by request at the King's Theatre for one day only.

Jack Raymond, who directed the picture, is beloved amongst artistes, for his imperturbability cloaks a most kindly and tolerant understanding of human nature, and his gentle persuasiveness has the effect of getting the last ounce out of his

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 885 metres (845 K.C.S.).

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-8.30 p.m.—Children's Concert.
7.03-7.15 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by the Anderson Music Co.

7.03-7.15 p.m.—Orchestra.

Three Dances from Henry VIII.

(Germans).

Sir Dan Godfrey conducting the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra (5577).

Chanson Boheme (Boldi & Nussbaum).

The Clock is Playing (Blanauw), Jean Lescen & His Orchestra (4741).

7.18-7.38 p.m.—Organ Solos.

Cinderella Waltz (Patman), Alice Where Art Thou?

Patman (DB104).

In a Persian Market (Ketelbey).

In a Chinese Temple Garden (Ketelbey).

Quentin M. Maclean (4921).

Estrellita (Ponce).

La Golondrina (Mexican Air), Emil Velasco (DB85).

7.38-8 p.m.—Sea Shanties.

Away for Rio (Carey), Shenandoah (Carey).

Arthur Jordan, Tenor (3568).

(a) Blow, My Bully Boys, Blow,

(b) Billy Boy (arr. Terry), Island Shelling Song.

Greenock Male Voice Choir (4523).

(a) Tom's Gone to Hilo,

(b) What Shall We Do with the Drunken Sailor (arr. Terry),

(c) Blow the Man Down,

(d) The Merchant Ship (arr. Terry & Shaw), The League of Arts Choir (4593).

8 p.m.—Local Time.

8.05-8.42 p.m.—Operatic.

Orchestral—La Tosca (Puccini)—Prelude Act 3, Milan Symphony Orchestra (5394).

Chorus—La Gioconda (Ponchielli)—Festa e Pane, Madame Butterfly (Puccini)—Humming Chorus, La Scala Chorus of Milan (4801).

Pianoforte Solo—Rosenkavalier (R. Strauss arr. Grainger), Fantasy on Love Themes, Percy Grainger (DB28).

Chorus—Lombardi (Verdi)—O Signore Che Dal Tetto Natio, Carmen (Bizet)—Chorus of Cigarette Girls, La Scala Chorus of Milan (4800).

Orchestral—The Barber of Seville—Overture (Rossini), Percy Pitt conducting the B.E.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra (9166).

Organ Solo—Frederica—O Maiden, My Maiden (Lehar), Quentin Maclean (DB277).

8.42-9 p.m.—Wembley Military Tattoo, Played the Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards conducted by Capt. George Miller (9078-4).

9-10.30 p.m.—European Concert from the Studio.

Programme.

1. Pianoforte Solo—Medley of Foxtrots & Waltzes, Miss Doreen Ma.

2. Song—(a) Lover Come Back To Me,

(b) Faerie Love Song, Miss Pamela Bell (Soprano) Accompanied by Mr. G. W. True.

3. Humorous Monologue—The Girl On The Ferry, Mr. S. A. Sweet.

4. Songs—(a) Love,

(b) Kiss Me Goodnight, Miss Joan Bell (Contralto) Accompanied by Mr. G. W. True.

5. Violin Solos—Selected, Mr. Harold Leong Accompanied by Miss Doreen Ma.

6. Song—(a) Who Do You Love (From "The Love of Mike"),

(b) One Kiss, Miss Pamela Bell (Soprano) Accompanied by Mr. G. W. True.

7. Pianoforte Solo—Medley of Fox-Trots and Waltzes, Miss Doreen Ma.

8. Songs—(a) It Happened in Monterey,

(b) Old New England Moon,

Mr. S. A. Sweet.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, Repulse Bay and Peninsula Hotels and King's Restaurant.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre: "Tilly of Bloomsbury."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Beau Hunks."

To-day—Central Theatre: "Around the World in 80 Minutes."

To-day—Majestic Theatre: "The Madonna of Avenue A."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Sea Bat."

Lummers' Auction.

To-morrow—At Royal Observatory, Nathan Road, Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Land Sale.

March 29—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of Crown Land, at Mount Cameron, 3 p.m.

Home Mails.

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Rawalpindi), 10.30 a.m.

Meetings.

To-morrow—China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., Exchange Building, noon.

March 25—R.A.O.E. Club, Bank of China Bldg., 6 p.m.

March 29—Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, Chartered Bank Bldg., 5 p.m.

March 29—Hong Kong Automobile Association, Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

March 30—Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's offices, noon.

March 30—Society of St. George, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

March 30—Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3 p.m.

March 31—Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd., 2, Queen's Building, 11 a.m.

March 31—Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., Exchange Building, Des Vaux Road, noon.

April 18—China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Limited, extraordinary meeting, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, noon.

Lenten Mission.

To-day—Lenten Mission, Catholic Cathedral, Glenealy, 6 p.m.

Subject: "The Crowning Glory."

TREASURE SEARCH.

Party of 24 Sail For Cocos Island.

Vancouver, Feb. 20.

Captain Denis Cooke, the Australian dyer, is among the party of 24 which sailed to-day to seek Captain Kidd's treasure on Cocos Island, off the coast of Columbia.

It is said that three separate lots of treasure are buried on Cocos Island, the total value being anything between £10,000,000 and £20,000,000.

Einstein had to modify his theory as the result of discoveries in the field of science during 1932.

Miss Joan Bell (Contralto) Accompanied by Mr. G. W. True.

9. Violin Solos—Selected, Mr. Harold Leong Accompanied by Miss Doreen Ma.

10. Humorous Monologue—To Serenade Kowloon, Mr. S. A. Sweet.

11. Vocal Duets—(a) Springtime in the Rockies,

"Till We Meet Again," The Misses Pamela and Joan Bell Accompanied by Mr. G. W. True.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

HEADLEY'S DOUBLE CENTURY.

Flogs the English Bowling.

Kingston (Jamaica), Feb. 20. All-Jamaica scored 480 for five wickets in the first day's play in the first of their three unofficial Test matches against Lord Tennyson's touring team. Jamaica owe their position to the fine sixth-wicket partnership between Headley and Passaillaigue, who, coming together shortly before tea, were together when stumps were drawn, having scored almost four hundred runs between them.

A bad start was made when Beckford was caught off Geary without scoring. The game, however, underwent a complete change when Headley came in, and he and Barrow put the century up. Nunes, Rae, and Dacosta were cheaply dismissed, but at tea the score was 276 for five wickets, and on resuming Headley (157) and Passaillaigue (34) carried their totals to 246 and 157 respectively. The tired English bowlers were flogged all over the field, the batsmen showing a special liking for Stevens's deliveries. Headley has hit 28 fours and Passaillaigue 21 fours and three sixes.

The Englishmen are already well acquainted with Headley, as he scored three centuries and one double century in the Test matches against England in 1929-30.

Scores:—
Jamaica—First Innings.
W. Beckford, c Stevens, b Geary 0
I. Barrow, c Astill, b Stevens .. 22
G. Headley not out 236
R. K. Nunes, l.b.w. b, Nichols. 2
E. Rae, b Still 16
C. Dacosta, c Astill b Stevens . 26
C. Passaillaigue not out 157
Extras 21
Total (for 5 wkts.) 480
—Press Association Foreign Special.

GILLIGAN ON TEST ELEVENTHS.

Optimistic Regarding England.

Mr. A. E. R. Gilligan at the Epsom Brotherhood annual sports service said it was ridiculous of people to say that the Australians could not be beaten in Test matches. The Australians were a very fine side, but England were just as good, and he thought they were the better team taken all round. Bradman was only one player, but there were ten others, and matches were generally won by team work.

Referring to the length of Test matches, he spoke of the enormous strain on players in eight-day matches in Australia, and expressed himself in favour of five-day matches in Australia and four-day matches in England.

FOOTBALL MATCHES FOR SATURDAY.

Shield Finals.

The following football fixtures have been arranged for Saturday. Junior Shield Final.—Kick-off 2.15 p.m. sharp. Extra time if necessary. Argyll or R.A.F. v. 12th Battery. Club ground. Referee—S. B. P. O. Holt. Linesmen—Lawrence and Lait. Senior Shield Final.—Kick-off 4.15 p.m. Extra time if necessary. S.W.B. v. H.K. Club. Club ground. Referee—Mr. G. Caswell. Linesmen—P. O. Kirby and Cpl. F. V. Holland. 1st Division.—Kick-off 4.30 p.m. sharp. St. Joseph's v. Navy. Navy ground. Referee—J. W. Baldwin.

ST. ANDREW'S LADIES NARROW WIN.

Diocesan Girls' School Defeated.

POOR C.B.A. TURN-OUT.

Fielding only eight players and without a goalkeeper, the St. Andrew's Club Ladies just managed to beat the Diocesan Girls' School eleven by the odd goal in five in a friendly hockey match yesterday afternoon. The school girls fought very pluckily, and, on the whole, gave a promising display. The school netted first through J. Wong, P. Gittins equalising for the Saints, who gained a lead through M. Woolley before the interval. In the second half M. Woolley put the visitors further ahead, but the school decreased the deficit through C. Perpetuo. To ward the end the girls strove hard for the equaliser but the Saints defended well.

Result:—
St. Andrew's Ladies 3
Diocesan Girls' School 2
C.B.A. Ladies' Lose.

On the C.B.A. ground at King's Park, the C.B.A. Ladies lost to the German Club by four goals to one in a scrappy match. The winners fielded only eight, whilst the ladies had only seven, D. Hunt scoring the solitary point.

Big Radio Win.

Playing with only ten men the Radio Sports Club trounced the Royal Army Ordnance Corps yesterday by five goals to nil.

Our Sports Diary.

TO-DAY.
HOCKEY—Hong Kong Hockey Club v. H.K.S.R.A. on Marina ground at 5.15 p.m.

MEETINGS—Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association in Jardine's Board Room at 5.30 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

ATHLETICS—King's College Sports on South China A.A. ground, Caroline Hill, at 1 p.m.

FRIDAY.

CRICKET—Kowloon C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C. at 11 a.m. (First Day).

HOCKEY—Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" v. Radio Sports Club at King's Park at 5.15 p.m.

SATURDAY.

CRICKET—Kowloon C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C. at 11 a.m. (Second Day).

RACING—Second Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley.

SUNDAY.

HUNTING—Fanling Hunt Hounds Meet at Pine Tree Hill.

TENNIS PROGRAMME.

TO-DAY.

Open Doubles.
Stand Court:—Akiyama and Honda v Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit.

Remedios and Ribeiro v Lee and Luk.

Barros and Remedios v Silva and Sousa.

Club Championship.

Holmes or Green v R. M. Henderson.

F. A. Redmond v L. Forster.

Handicap Singles "A".

Nash v Valentine.

Raworth or Forster v Sewell.

Handicap Singles "B".

Todd v Nigel.

Ferguson v Cleland.

Handicap Doubles.

Penn and Hill v Stubb and Scull.

TO-MORROW.

Open Singles.

Stand Court:—S. A. Rumjahn or Yew Man-kit. v Y. Hachiuma or J. A. E. Cassarbooy.

Club Championship.

D. M. MacDouall v Y. V. Segalen.

Green or Raworth v Henderson.

Handicap Singles "A".

Railton v T. J. Price.

Handicap Singles "B".

Lawson v Stock or Beck.

Handicap Doubles.

Nigel and Watson v Childs and Brooks.

Handicap Mixed Doubles.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson v Gordon and Miss Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood v Grimble and Miss Hancock.

M. W. LO SURMOUNTS STIFF HURDLE.

Sullivan Eliminated by Ho Ka-lau.

The following were the results of yesterday's play in the Lawn Tennis Championships:

Open Singles.

M. W. Lo beat J. W. Leonard 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Ho Ka-lau beat A. L. Sullivan 6-4, 6-3.

Ng Sze-cheong beat W. C. Hung 6-1, 6-4.

Handicap Singles "A".

G. W. Sewell beat L. M. S. Lloyd 6-2, 6-2.

A. C. I. Bowker beat R. M. Henderson w.o.

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FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO-DAY

The forty-third ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders was held at the Company's Offices in the P. & O. Building this morning, and was supported by Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Kt., Mr. J. P. Warren, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson (Directors), and Mr. J. Douglas Butcher (Manager). Shareholders were represented by Messrs. W. S. Bailey, Chiu Ho-ping, Lau Shiu-chuen, V. Sorby, F. L. Brown, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Fung Kong-un, Leung Fattin, To Cho-hing, Wong Ping-sun, L. E. Ozorio, Leung Yan-po, O. F. Ribeiro, Leung Shiu-lau, H. J. M. de Figueiredo, L. J. Davies, B. Wong Tape, Vong Chio, S. H. Ross, Ip Fook, Paul Lauder, Frank Austin (Attorney for Mr. A. J. David), and Chun Wing-keu.

The Manager having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—

Gentlemen.—The Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1931, have been in your hands for the prescribed period and with your permission I will take them as read.

The Net Profit after providing for Depreciation is \$1,698,059.20. With the sum of \$142,335.82 brought forward from last account we have \$1,840,395.11 for appropriation and with this we propose:—

To pay a dividend of \$2.50 per share absorbing \$1,125,000.00

To appropriate a sum to write off obsolete plant 179,059.00

To place to reserve 400,000.00

To carry forward to next account 136,036.11

The Profit on Working exceeded that for 1930 by \$101,869 and in view of the increased cost of fuel, which forms a large percentage of the Works Costs of the unit, this result may, I think, be looked upon as satisfactory.

A new item which appears in the Working Account is the Five Yearly Installation Testing which the Company have to carry out in accordance with Government requirements and which has meant the formation of an entirely new sub department attached to the Meter Staff. This department commenced its activities on January 1, 1931.

We have set aside an additional \$39,262, making a total of \$628,367 for Depreciation, which leaves us with a Net Profit \$33,609 in excess of that for the previous year.

In viewing the results for last year it should be borne in mind that we have had to meet largely increased costs of miscellaneous supplies as well as on machinery and accessories. It should also be remembered that we offer the Public a supply at very low rates which can be equalled in but few cities throughout the world. The improved results of the period under review have been possible owing to the steady increase in the output which has shown further rise during the year of some 9.8 per cent, the total number of units sold having risen to over 37½ millions. The number of consumers have also increased in a gratifying manner and is now almost at the 38,000 stage, an increase of over 3,000 during the year, or the largest increase during the last ten years.

Government rates are considerably heavier owing to increased assessments, a likelihood foreshadowed last year.

It will be observed that a note has been inserted in the Assets side of the Balance Sheet to the effect that we are committed to further payments under Contract amounting to £22,914. This figure represents the balance of installations on the new turbine, boilers, and steam range, comprising our new plant, and should, I feel, appear in the Balance Sheet.

A new item also appears under the heading of Goods in Transit, \$89,698, which represents turbine plant in transit at the date of the balance sheet for which our London Representative had paid and drawn on us.

You will notice under the heading Motor Cars and Lorries, which appeared in last account at \$2,761.81, there has been an expenditure during the year of \$25,761.82. This is due to the purchase of a fleet of lighter type commercial

proval of all present. It has always been the policy of this Company to depreciate on an adequate scale and I am pleased to see that this principle has again been followed in the present accounts.

It must be a matter of great satisfaction to the Directors to be able to again propose a dividend of \$2.50 per share and at the same time place a considerable amount to our healthy reserve account.

Whilst the report and accounts before us are thoroughly satisfactory from Shareholders' point of view, I would point out that Consumers receive current at a rate which bears comparison with any place in the world.

I personally am very pleased to see that the Board are maintaining the Generating Station at a high state of efficiency. I hold the view that modern machinery incorporating all the latest improvements is essential for economical production.

I now have much pleasure in formally seconding the adoption of the report and accounts for 1931, as presented.

No questions being asked the Resolution was put to the meeting and the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts was carried unanimously.

Mr. T. E. Pearce and the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, retiring Directors, were re-elected by a resolution proposed by Mr. W. S. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Frank Austin.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected Auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$2,500 by a resolution proposed by Mr. Fung Kong-un and seconded by Mr. Wong Ping-sun.

The Chairman: That is all the business, gentlemen, I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants are now ready.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT.

Sir Shou-son Chow presided at the second ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the above Company, which was held in the King's Theatre Building at noon to-day, and reported a very satisfactory state of affairs. The net earnings of the King's Theatre for its nine months' working were \$109,327.16 while rents of offices and shops in the theatre buildings brought in \$53,636.71. A dividend of 60 cents per share was declared.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said:—

The report of the Directors together with the Balance Sheet at December 31, 1931, and the Auditor's report, having been in your hands for some time, I will, with your permission follow the local custom and take them as read.

The King's Theatre Building was ready for occupation at the end of March last, and the Theatre was opened on the 31st of the same month. Pictures from the Paramount Films Co., which is one of the largest film producing companies in the world, were shown in this Theatre. A month later, we entered into a contract with

the Fox Film Corporation for the exhibition of their best selections of pictures. As you doubtless know, both the Paramount Films Co., and the Fox Film Corporation are the premier film producing companies in the U.S.A. and their films are known in every part of the world. The popularity of their pictures can be evidenced by the large audiences and box-office returns.

British Pictures.

Your Directors soon realised that the people in this British Colony would much appreciate British pictures; consequently, they booked, through the British Film Distribution Co., a selection of British productions, representing well known English stage plays, and enacted by popular stage stars. I may mention that this Theatre is one of the first theatres in China to introduce first class British talkies.

Extraordinary Meeting.

An extraordinary meeting was held immediately afterward for the purpose of considering the following Resolution:—

"That there shall be added to Article 71 of the Articles of Association of the Company the words:—

"but the Chairman shall receive double remuneration."

It was proposed by Mr. P. M. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, and carried nem. con.

Attendance.

Those present at both meetings were the Hon. Dr. S. W. Te'o (Vice-Chairman), Messrs. Chang Fat and Liang Chi-hao (Managing Directors), Li Jow-son, Sun Pak-ming, George Sun, Yau Kwan-lup, Chang Kuan-lin, Wong Kwong-tin, Choi Wai-hung, and Chang Kuan-on (Directors), and Dr. E. W. J. Sun and Messrs. P. M. Hodgson, Chow Tung-sang, Sun Jue-yow, Chang Cheong, Mok Hing-seung, and Hung So-yin (Shareholders).

A confirmatory meeting will be held on April 18.

M. HAARDT TO BE BURIED IN PARIS.

No Ceremony in Hong Kong.

EXPEDITION'S LOSS.

In accordance with the wishes expressed by the family of the late Monsieur George Marie Haardt, leader of the Central Asian Expedition, the burial will be performed in Paris, no ceremony taking place in the world.

Accompanied by the three members of the expedition at present in Hong Kong, the coffin will be embarked on the French liner sailing from this port on March 29.

The other members of the party which have already arrived in Indo-China, will come on board at Saigon in order to escort the body of their leader to France.

Residents of the Colony who desire to express their sympathy to Monsieur George Marie Haardt's family, and to his friends, are asked to write their names down at the French Consul General's Office in the book opened for this purpose.

Among the many cables of condolence received from leading personalities the world over, the President of the Council, and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has sent the deep sympathy of the French Government "which associates wholeheartedly with the expedition in its grief at the loss of their Chief."

Cleavage of the Atom appears nearer as the result of a new 20,000,000-volt generator.

Certain Stars are not as distant as formerly believed.

advice, and no pains will be spared to give them every satisfaction.

The Cooling Plant.

I am pleased to state that the King's Theatre is the first theatre in South China to install a Cooling Plant. This cooling system not only cools and purifies the air, but at the same time it reduces the humidity. It is a boon to Patrons during the hot weather, and its special feature is that the air being evenly distributed does not cause drafts.

Turning now to the accounts, you will see from the Profit and Loss Account that the net earning of the Theatre for its nine months' working is \$109,327.16 and our net rent receipts of offices and shops for the year is \$53,636.71; and that after deduction of Interests and Directors and Auditor's Fees, etc., our net profit for the year is \$95,974.10. We have, however, to write off the debit balance of \$30,777 carried forward from 1930, thus leaving available for distribution \$65,197.10.

Your Directors recommend paying a dividend of 60 cents per share for the year, and writing off \$3,967.20 for Preliminary Expenses, leaving a balance of \$1,318.10 to be carried forward to next year's account.

I now propose that the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts as presented be adopted. When this has been seconded I will endeavour to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

Seconded by Dr. E. W. J. Sun and carried unanimously.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected Auditors at a remuneration of \$600 on the proposal of Mr. Chow Tung-sang, seconded by Mr. Mok Hing-seung.

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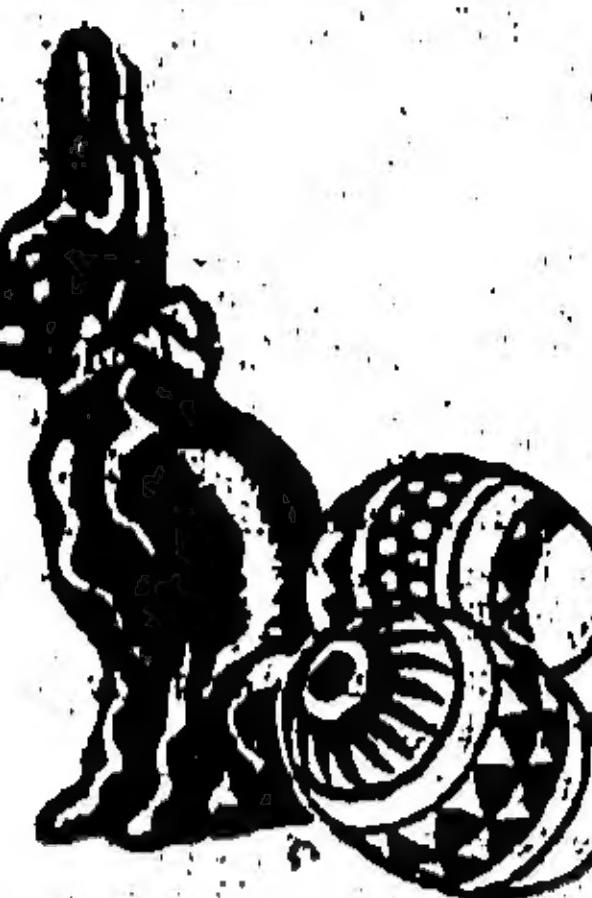
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The China Mail.

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Qualified Failure.

The Far Eastern conflict is by far the severest test that the League of Nations has ever undergone and the League has failed under the test, in spite of the reports of formal peace parleys now being attended in Shanghai. No successful mediation by the League, even when peace is officially declared, can mitigate that failure. Is the League itself then a failure? It is a question which has been on the lips of thousands since last September, and the answer is no—but it is a qualified no.

Too much has been expected of the League. Could it curb Alexander, a Caesar, or a Napoleon, could it avert the rise of Hellenic civilisation, prevent Rome from replacing Athens, save Carthage from downfall, or thwart the rise of the British Empire? Can articles, paragraphs, clauses, and annexes resist the tremendous tidal movements of human history? There are disputes where it could intervene decisively, there are others where it could restrain by firm or gentle pressure, and there are others in which it could beneficially mediate. Perhaps there are none in which it could do nothing at all. So that its power is very great indeed. But it has its limitations and unless they are recognised the League is doomed. If they are recognised in time, however, the power of the League may grow and its limits may expand.

One unfortunate feature in the activities of the League is its aptitude to avoid realities by assuming that what it has failed to do will, some day, be accomplished by Providence.

Japan, though she may make her peace with China, will be broken as a reed. She is too entangled in an enterprise that will accumulate disaster upon disaster for herself. She will have war after war abroad, and revolution at home, and all because of her recent misbehaviour.

In other words she has escaped

sentence from the League, but she cannot avoid being punished.

French Proposal.

Several Frenchmen are advancing the suggestion that the United States Government be called upon to pay for the period

of the war in which it took no active part—from April, 1917, when the United States declared war until July, 1918, when the United States soldiers took part in a big engagement.

This remarkable suggestion was put forward on the grounds that during those fifteen months France had the line and therefore the United States Government

ought to be prepared to pay for services rendered.

Figures carefully prepared by a well known French accountant, General Alombert, estimate that the sum due to France "for services rendered" is something like nine billion dollars. This figure is reached by adding the cost of war life insurance policies of 200,000 Americans to the cost of dealing with some 800,000 wounded, and to this is added a sum representing interest at the rate of two per cent for thirteen years.

The views of the United States on this ludicrous proposal should prove interesting, even more interesting than the views expressed at Home when it became known that the British Government had had to pay rent for the trenches occupied by its troops during the war!

News in Brief.

Members of St. Andrew's Club will present "Wurzel-Flummery," a two act comedy by A. A. Milne, and two short sketches by Ronald Jeans, in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on Wednesday, April 6 at 9.15 p.m.

The final Concert of the season will be given at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, March 31, at 5.30 p.m. Artists—Mrs. E. Snowden-Jones, M.V. Derenevsky, Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith and Mr. F. Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L. Please book tickets in advance.—Advt.

The return of notifiable diseases in the Colony during the week ended March 19, is as follows:

	Cases	Deaths
Small Pox	3 (1 impt.)	6
Diphtheria	2	1
Enteric fever	6 (1 impt.)	1
Cerebro-spinal fever	2	1
Pulmonary		
Tuberculosis	5	56

One case of small-pox occurred during the 24 hours ended March 21.

FAR EASTERN DISPUTE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

country in a situation which would only aggravate matters had been carried out, and differences between greater and smaller States had been reconciled, and lastly the support of the United States had been secured.

The Best Guarantee.

Sir John Simon declared that there was a great deal still to be done, but what had been done showed that the League was the best guarantee for the peace of the world.

Patience and time before a conciliation could be effected would be necessary, but this was a case where the League was most likely to be useful as a mediating force; constant reference to stick what you are supposed to have in the pocket was not the best way to secure compliance with advice or to exert influence as a great world organisation.

It was a mistake to assume that the League had necessarily gained effective strength in such a case by constant reference to weapon sanctions.

The League really exercised and was founded on a position as an unauthorised exponent and interpreter of world opinion, which was one of the most terrific forces in nature.

League Functions Distinct.

Sir John Simon said that the truth was when the public and world influence was sufficiently strong and unanimous to pronounce a firm moral condemnation that sanctions were not needed.

While Britain would be the grimest and stand by the obligations contained under every article of the Covenant, he suggested it would be best to keep the coercive and the mediator functions of the League distinct.

He denied that there had been any weakness in the League's pronouncements.

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BRITISH REVENUE RETURNS.

Strict Economics Enforced.

THE FLOATING DEBT.

Rugby, Yesterday. With eight more working days before the financial year ends on March 31, the Revenue returns to March 19 show a deficit on the national accounts of only \$19,400,000, as compared with \$34,800,000 at the corresponding date last year. Revenue for the week amounted to £24,700,000 and Expenditure to £19,900,000, making a surplus for the week of £4,800,000. The Income Tax receipts have already exceeded the revised budget estimate of £272,000,000 by over five million, and the surtax receipts are only £2,000,400.

On the other hand, however, Estate Duties and Stamps together are £21,000,000 behind last year's receipts to date, although the budget estimated to receive in the year about the same total as last year.

The Customs and Excise revenue are together about £10,000,000 over last year's receipts to date as compared with the budget estimate of £7,500,000 increase in the year.

Supply expenditure is to date about £11,000,000 in excess of last year as compared with the estimated increase of £22,500,000, which indicate substantial economies.

The Floating Debt amounts to £609,000,000, being a reduction of £3,500,000 in the week. British Wireless Service.

ANIMAL TRAINER.

Shetland Circus Man Stranded.

CHARGED WITH VAGRANCY.

Din Mohammed, a circus animal trainer, formerly employed by the Shetland Circus, which had a season here a few months ago, appeared before Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning, charged with being a vagrant.

Detective-Sergeant C. Mottram said that the Shetland Circus left here about three months ago. Prior to the ship sailing, Mohammed was sent ashore on a small errand, and on returning, he found the ship had gone. Since he had been moving between Hong Kong, Macao and Canton, until he came to the end of his tether. He told the Police that his passport and papers were with the Circus, which was probably quite true.

The police officer asked for a commitment to the House of Detention, pending communications, if possible, with the Shetland Circus, or arrangements for the defendant's return to India. His Worship granted the order.

The spirit of the Covenant, that dispute should be settled under stress of military pressure, therefore he was glad to see that, as far as Shanghai was concerned, there were considerable withdrawals of Japanese forces.

It was then proved clearly that a fair conclusion was unreachable under the immediate pressure of military force.

The debate was then interrupted by private business.—Reuter.

Captain Eden Speaks.

London, Later.

On the resumption of the debate Captain Eden, who wound up for the Government, noted the unexpectedly large measure of support for the Government's policy, apart from the criticism that the Government might have developed little more vigour, but those who advocated "forward policy," he said, overlooked the fact that had we indulged in such eagerness, we might have found ourselves acting alone.

Awaiting Commission's Report.

As regards Manchuria Captain Eden said that the Government was watching British interests there and that this was a thirty-year-old controversy, and the more.

The Government had the opportunity to study it the more fearfully they were to venture upon it hasty.

We, at present, are well advised to await Lord Lytton's Commission's conclusion.

He was glad to note that the definite improvement in British relations with China during the past 15 years was due to Sir Austin Chamberlain's policy which was a combination of firmness in defence

and a recognition of the importance of other foreign interests, and particularly of the Chinese authorities.

The new Commission will be given a full hearing.

HOME LOTTERIES BILL.

Introduction Now Granted.

176 VOTES TO 123.

Rugby, Yesterday. In the House of Commons by 176 votes to 123 leave was granted to Sir William Davidson, a private Conservative member, to introduce the Lotteries Bill, the object of which is to authorise the raising of money by means of lotteries for charitable, scientific, and artistic purposes, or any public improvement or other public object under the conditions to be approved by the Secretary of State. British Wireless Service.

COLONY'S GUEST.

Magistrate Extends Hospitality.

TO SOLDIER THIEF.

An umbrella formed the subject of a theft charge brought against a Fukienese, stated to be a disbanded soldier returning to Penang, before Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Inspector Shannon said accused stole the umbrella from a passenger's luggage on board the s.s. Tai Shan, prior to her departure for Canton last night. Defendant was seen by the complainant, who gave chase and caught him in the street.

His Worship (to defendant): We'll give you hospitality for three weeks!

MARRIAGE BUSINESS.

Woman Doctor's Plea For Easier Divorce.

Would earlier marriages—regarded in the light of business contracts—and easier divorce make for greater domestic happiness?

Striking observations on this subject were made by Dr. Elizabeth Sloan Chesser, the authority on women's health, at a conference organised by the women's section of Alliance of Honour at the Y.W.C.A. Central Club, Bloomsbury.

"We should help our boys and girls to marry sooner," said Dr. Chesser. "Let them have homes and children when they are young. Earlier marriage and easier divorce would result in a great deal less suffering in the world."

"Marriage should be regarded in the same light as a business contract. In business you do your best to keep your contract, and in marriage it should be the same. But husbands are very difficult, and a woman does not realise what a bore she can be."

"A great mistake which so many young people make to-day is to refuse to have children at the beginning of their marriage, but it is a woman's right to refuse to have a child if she does

THESE ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS

MR. CHAMPKIN'S ROTARY CLUB ADDRESS.

At the Hong Kong Rotary Club luncheon yesterday Mr. Champkin delivered a highly entertaining address on Anti-Aircraft Guns.

He made splendid use of the opportunity afforded for recruiting members for the new unit of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps — the Anti-Aircraft Light Automatic Company.

"The Anti-Aircraft Light Automatic Company anticipates a real and urgent need — the need to guard against a menace that twenty-five years ago would have seemed as fantastic as it seemed forty years before then, when Tennyson forevisioned the nations' aerial navies grappling in the central blue."

It was with some difficulty that I persuaded my friend, Mr. Macpherson, to prevail upon me to accept your kind invitation today, began Mr. Champkin. You have been very patient with me here on other occasions when I have spoken on subjects of which I know nothing, but I confess I feared the danger of putting your forbearance to a breaking strain on the subject of these anti-aircraft guns.

It is only fair to Mr. Macpherson for me to say that he endorsed my apprehension with a whole-heartedness that seemed to me perhaps a little ready having regard to our long and friendly association in imposing on the suffering public of this Colony.

Anti-aircraft guns happen to be an absorbing passion of mine, but I don't expect you to be anything but mildly interested in them, any more than you would expect me to be particularly interested in golf, or the assassination of snipe, or the Nude Culturists. (Laughter). We all have our hobbies and I didn't come here to talk mine. I am here principally because I find it pleasant to be in the good company of so many old volunteers, and I am more glad than I might be after tasting this coffee to know that most of you don't think anti-aircraft guns are worth a damn! (Laughter).

I should be much discouraged if you thought otherwise! When old volunteers develop the habit of taking a cheerful view of volunteering they ought to retire. We can always find them a congenial job in the Boy Scouts.

The Colony expects, and has every right to demand a decorous and decent despondency from its Defence Corps, (Laughter) — for there has never been a time in its history when the Colony's best volunteers were not the world's worst pessimists.

It was so in our time, and it has always been so. I daresay most of you can go back twenty-five years, when the rifleman watched with dull amaze the first aeroplane that disturbed the pleasing amenities of his Easter Manoeuvres. He knew then that volunteering was finished. He knew the aeroplane had beaten him and that the end had come.

Forty years before his time the whiskered warriors whose portraits are preserved in our Officers Mess, wagged their beards with the same dismal foreboding. They laid aside their crossbows and battleaxes (Laughter) — or whatever small-arms they used in the sixties, and they took up the latest thing in gent's Snider rifles and they also knew the end had come. They also knew that modern armament had put a sock in the old spirit and that volunteering would never be the same again.

So it has been throughout three-quarters of a century of volunteering history. We have all been gloomy prophets, but, like old Ezekiel, we have seen the dry bones stirring, and we are not without hope that the spirit of the sixties that never failed us yet will still serve the hour and need long after we are gone! (Applause).

We know that if the Colony's volunteers to-day are small in numbers they have never been more keen, and that they are immeasurably more efficient than at any time before.

We know that those old warriors in picturesque poses, throwing the weight of their bodies on their chinstraps (Laughter) — were splendid fellows. (Applause). They handed down something more lasting than a peculiar fashion in side-whiskers. They started a great movement. They passed on a

fight new forces from the air and I am here to tell you that we want volunteers to man the guns.

In the Anti-Aircraft Light Automatic Company we work on rather novel, though not entirely original lines. Those of you who have read Nicholas Nickleby will remember that Mr. Squeers had an educational method peculiarly his own. Quoting from the book — "We go upon the practical mode of teaching, Nickleby; the regular education system. C-i-e-a-n, Clean, verb active, to make bright W-i-n, win, d-e-r, dor winder, a casement. When a boy knows this Nickleby he goes and cleans the winder." (Laughter).

Well, it seemed to me better than most education systems I have studied and I understand it has proved highly successful in the Girl Guides. (Laughter). We have therefore adopted it to a modified extent in the Anti-Aircraft Company. Our scheme is to allocate men as far as possible to the defence of their own particular interests. The Taikoo Dock men defend their Dock Works. The Hong Kong Electric men defend their Electric Works. The Water men defend their Waterworks. Conforming to the same idea, gentlemen, what about the Gasworks? (Loud laughter). I am seriously disturbed about the gasworks! Can I hope to-day to get forty-nine men to join me in the defence of my particular interest? It's for you to decide.

The need is for men now. We don't want to be reminded by letters in the newspapers that there are hundreds of men in the Colony that will roll up when the war starts, provided it doesn't start before they roll up. The habit of rolling-up, of which I am a warm and enthusiastic supporter, has much to commend it but it would be more commendable if air raids were subject to a month's notice. It gives us a comfortable sense of security to know the rollers-up are there — wherever they are, but we should be happier to know that they were keeping their hands in.

You can't fight a gun as my friend Bowes-Smith plays the piano — by sheer force of character! (Laughter). You have to know a little about it beforehand. It's like exchange broking (Loud laughter) — it takes at least ten hours to learn thoroughly and ten hours training a year is all that we ask you to do in this Anti-Aircraft Company. There are no compulsory parades, no range practices, no Camp exercises. Instruction is literally carried to your door in six different centres in Hong Kong and Kowloon on six different days of the week. We don't even trust you with a uniform until the expense is justified by war. All that we ask you to do is to fill in the form enclosed in the brochure before you and to accept with cheerfulness the very light obligation that it calls for.

The engaging duty of convincing everybody who is not already a volunteer of the truth of our need has been entrusted to me, partly, no doubt, because I am an old volunteer and know nothing of these things, but principally, I think, because the truth is never really convincing unless told by an experienced liar! (Laughter).

Mr. Chairman, you have been good enough to give me an opportunity of telling the truth to this representative assembly of business and professional men of Hong Kong. The need exists. What more is there to say to all good citizens — to all who hold in proper honour the public spirit and patriotism of those who, in the early days of this Colony, laid the foundations of its greatness and counted as the first of their obligations a place in the front of its defences? (Applause).

Probably, at some time or other, Mr. Chairman, you have tried to arouse public interest in some sinister scheme of your own. You look as if you have. (Laughter) — and I know that you appreciate my difficulties in raising this Company. I know that you will understand how grateful I am to the

Rotary Club for the help you are giving me to-day. (Applause).

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Correspondence.

"TOUCH" TYPEWRITING.

I'm the Editor of "China Mail". Sir, — May I be enlightened, through the medium of your valuable paper, on the above subject?

Of late the business market has been flooded with so-called "Trained" typists from a local Typewriting School, who have been taught to master the standard typewriter keyboard with their "Blind" system, using (A) (S) (D) (F) and (H) (J) (K) (L) as the "Home" keys for the left-hand and right-hand fingers respectively. Will any of your readers interested in the subject kindly point out to me the advantages of the above method which obviously deviates from the well-known "Touch" system adopted throughout the English-speaking world.

It occurs to me also that the local Education Authorities should make investigations in this connection, as besides acting as a great hamper to high efficiency from the operator's point of view, incorrect tuition of the subject certainly does an injustice to advocates of "Touch" typewriting in a British Colony.

Yours, etc.,

"FINGERS-CO-WRONG."

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states:

The market displayed greater firmness at this morning's session, resulting in some of the rates being marked up substantially.

Sales.
Hong Kong Bank, \$1,450/1,460.
Providents (new), \$2.35.
Hotels, \$13.65/13 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cum. Rights.
Hong Kong Lands, \$75.
Hong Kong Realties \$10 $\frac{1}{2}$ /11.
Ewe Cottons, Tls. 14.90.
Hong Kong Trams, \$21.40/21 $\frac{1}{2}$.
China Lights (old), \$21 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Hong Kong Electrics, \$74 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Cerfents (combined), \$19.15.
Hong Kong Ropes, \$16 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Dairy Farms, \$29.
Constructions (new), \$1.90.

Buyers.
Hong Kong Bank, \$1,440.
Union Insurance \$445.
China Underwriters, \$4.
Providents (old), \$4.90.
Providents (new), \$2.30.
Hotels, \$13 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cum. Rights.
Hotels, Rights, \$24.
Hong Kong Lands, \$75.
Hong Kong Realties, \$10 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Ewe Cottons, Tls. 15.80.
Hong Kong Trams, \$21.85.
Star Ferries, \$91 $\frac{1}{2}$.
China Lights (old), \$21 $\frac{1}{2}$.
China Lights (new), \$20 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Hong Kong Electrics, \$74 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Canton Ices, \$5 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Hong Kong Electrics, \$74 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Telephones (P.P.), \$24.
Cements (combined), \$19.15.
(Continued at foot of preceding column.)

PEAK TRAGEDY RECALLED.

Four Men Before the Magistrate.

CAPITAL CHARGE.

Clues which the Crown claims to be conclusive proof of the movements of four men charged with the murder of a student Tsang Tai-kai, were unfolded before Mr. Wynne-Jones, at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon. The fourth defendant, who has already been committed on a charge of murder in connection with the Tai Wan Fort tragedy, was also charged with delivering letters threatening death.

In his outline of the case, Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, M.C. (Crown Solicitor), gave a detailed account of the disappearance of the youth, followed by the subsequent discovery of his dead body off Victoria Gap Road on the Peak. The Crown elaborated on "a veritable mine of incriminating matter" said to have been found in the possession of the defendants.

It was alleged the gang had no intentions of holding the youth to ransom but they had intended to murder him whether the money was paid or not, and had, in fact, done so, before presenting their demand for \$10,000 for the boy's release.

After evidence had been taken the hearing was adjourned.

INDIAN GUARD CHARGED.

Alleged Serious Offence on Woman.

Before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy, yesterday, Anayat Hussain Shah, an Indian guard attached to the Wanchai Gap Police Station, was charged with committing a criminal assault on a Chinese married woman named Ng Tung at Wongneichong Gap on the morning of March 3.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo appeared for the defence and entered a plea of not guilty. Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Assistant Attorney-General, conducted the case for the prosecution.

The complainant was walking up the gap in company with an older woman when they were accosted by the accused, who was on duty there. They ran away, and the accused was alleged to have chased them for half a mile. Then he pushed the older woman over the bank and dragged the complainant up the hill to an isolated magazine. Afterwards the complainant returned to her home in Wanchai in great distress and did not report the matter to the Police until the following morning.

An identification parade was subsequently held at which the accused was with six other guards, all in uniform, and both the complainant and her companion had no difficulty in picking him out.

The case was adjourned after Dr. G. H. Thomas had given medical evidence.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1932.

THE H.K. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

G.O.C.'s Inspection Yesterday.

"THOROUGHLY SATISFIED."

More than 300 members of all ranks and sections of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps paraded on Murray Parade Ground yesterday evening, for the annual G.O.C.'s Inspection.

Shortly after the Corps had marched to the Parade Ground, headed by pipers of the Scottish Company, H.E. Major-General J. W. Sandlands, arrived accompanied by Col. R. B. Cousins, Major Atkinson, Capt. Mirehouse and Capt. Cameron and were met by Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, Commandant of the Volunteer Corps.

After the Inspection and the march past, Major-General Sandlands addressed the parade:

Colonel Bird:—It is a great pleasure to me to be once more able to carry out your annual inspection, more especially as it is in my considered opinion that the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps has definitely improved since last year.

I am thoroughly satisfied with everything that I have seen to-day and also with what I saw of your unit when I visited your camp at Fanling.

On that occasion I witnessed an ambitious field firing scheme, carried out on the lines which are seldom attempted even by the regular forces, since it is comparatively rare to find tracts of country where it is possible to fire machine guns at a range of 2,000 yards and to carry out movements combined with covering fire from light automatics and rifles on a front of about a mile. I have no hesitation in stating that there is no Volunteer unit in the United Kingdom which has ever even attempted a field firing scheme on this scale.

Appeal For New Men:

The one thing that still disappoints me is the strength of the Hong Kong Volunteers. In this respect you have heard my views quite often enough before, so I will not bore you by repeating them, beyond stating that there are still a number of young men in the Colony who could not produce any reason, which would satisfy me for not having joined up long ago.

I would like to congratulate Lieut. Champkin and Major Manners for the praiseworthy efforts they are making to get recruits for the anti-aircraft and R.A.S.C. companies and I have every belief that their efforts will not be in vain.

As far as one can foresee this is likely to be the last time upon which I will carry out the official inspection of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, as my time is up at the end of this year. However you need have no fear that I will forget you when I leave Hong Kong.

Will Remember Volunteers:

Regiments pass through China at an incredible speed and it may be a surprise to some of you to hear that 18 regular battalions have served under me on the China command during the last three years. In consequence it is only natural that I may find a difficulty in a few years time, in not confusing one with another to a certain extent.

But this is not the case with the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. I shall always have a very clear recollection of them at my various annual inspections and visits to camp.

I shall also remember the many occasions on which I have received hospitality from the officers and men of the various companies. Although I hope to meet you all on many other occasions before I hand over the China command, yet I will take this opportunity of expressing my official thanks for the way in which the officers and men on parade to-day have supported me, and I would like to think that when the time comes for me to leave Hong Kong you will miss me not only as a commander, but also as a friend.

Copenhagen 18.15

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Vienna 32

Prague 1224

Helsingfors 215

Madrid 4836

Lisbon 1092

Athens 2872

Bucharest 6072

Rio 4.1/16

Buenos Aires 884

Montevideo 304

Bombay 1/8 1/2

Shanghai 1/9 1/2

Hong Kong 1/8 1/2

Yokohama 1/9 1/2

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Hong Kong, 22nd March, 1932.

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A N EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the R.A.O.B. Club will be held in the Club Room on FRIDAY, March 25, at 6 p.m.

Agenda for the Meeting is posted in the Club Room.

W. RICHARDSON,
Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 17, 1932.

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COMPANY MEETINGS

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th Floor, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1932, at 12 Noon to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931, to elect Auditors, and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And Notice is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 23rd day of March, 1932, both days inclusive.

Hong Kong, 2nd March, 1932.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT & LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th Floor, at 12.15 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1932, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution:

That there shall be added to Article 71 of the Articles of Association of the Company the words:

"but the Chairman shall receive double remuneration."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Ltd., will be held at 12 o'clock noon on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of April, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above-mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above-mentioned Resolution.

Dated this Second Day of March, 1932.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director.

ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB.

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THE 17th BI-ANNUAL RACE for Ship's Lifeboats will be sailed on THURSDAY, 24th March, starting at 4 p.m.

Any ship of a Company having offices or responsible Agents in Hong Kong and which is in port on the day of the race may enter any number of boats.

All entries should, if possible, be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary, R.H.K.Y.C., by noon on the day of the race and competing boats should be at the starting line by 3.30 p.m. Post Entries however will be received.

Course:—Start from Channel Rocks, thence to Kowloon Rock (P), Mark off Yacht Club (S), Mark boat off Cust Rock Beacon (P.), finish across Yacht Club line leaving mark boat to Port and continue sailing until gunfire for finish.

A launch will leave Queen's Statue Pier at 3 p.m. for the convenience of members and the general public.

R. J. VERNALL,
Hon. Secretary, R.H.K.Y.C.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on THURSDAY, the 31st March, 1932, at 11 a.m. for consideration of the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1931.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd March to 30th March, 1932, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED.

General Managers.

Hong Kong, 21st March, 1932.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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Hong Kong, 21st March, 1932.

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MELBOURNE via Brisbane & Sydney.	Himalaya Maru	Thurs., 24th Mar.
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BOMBAY via Singapore, Belawan Dell & Colombo.	Havre Maru	Sun., 3rd Apr.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Hamburg Maru	Thurs., 24th Mar.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (8 p.m. every Sunday).	Canton Maru	Sun., 27th Mar.
JAPAN PORTS via Takao & Keelung.	Fri., 8th Apr.	
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STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Japan left Yokohama on Tuesday, March 22, at 3 p.m. and is due at Vancouver on Saturday, April 9.

The P. & O. s.s. Rajputana left Shanghai for this port on March 22 at 8.30 p.m. and is due here on March 25 at about 6 a.m.



RACING WITH THE TALL SHIPS

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The prospect has thrilled the imaginations of American youth. Romance is not dead in their hearts, it seems. American boys still long to run away to sea. And their sisters are not far behind either.

A. J. Villiers, sailor-author, published in the New York Herald Tribune Magazine an account of some of his adventures in these annual wheat races—tales of battles with the waves, of the hazards of undermanning, of a woman stowaway, who was supposed to bring bad luck, but didn't.

His vivid description of the dangers and hardships of the long voyage did nothing to lessen the love of adventure of young Americans. On the contrary, ever since his article appeared he has been swamped with letters from would-be sailors (and sailorettes) who want to sail in this year's race.

Every day, according to an account in the news columns of The Herald Tribune, "he gets letters from boys telling him they would be willing to do any goldarned thing if only they could get a place on one of the ships." School-teachers, he said, had written by the dozens, all wanting to know if they could not work their way by helping the cook." Further:

"A lot of the boys," Mr. Villiers continued, "say they would be willing to pay their way to London or to Australia, or to any other place in the world, if they could get a berth on one of these sailing-vessels. They call me on long-distance from Chicago and San Francisco, and already two boys have written me that they are on their way."

Across Atlantic to Join.

One of these, the son of C. W. Lea, of Tacoma, Washington, has given up his work at Yale, and has gone to London to join the crew of the Finnish ship Hougmont. Mr. Lea has come to New York to talk with Mr. Villiers about his son's escapade and his flair for adventure. Another lad, Charles V. B. Reilly, of Milwaukee, has sent Mr. Villiers word that the United States will not enter a ship, it will at least be represented by an American. He is on his way to Sydney from Vancouver. "I should be in Sydney on January 2," he wrote. "I would greatly appreciate it if you could tell me whom I ought to get in touch with when I get there."

Most of the letters have come from New York State, New England, and the State of Washington. "It seems," Mr. Villiers said, "that about a quarter of the boys in Brooklyn want to join the race."

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WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:
Bridgewater—East wall.
Bruce—South wall.
Cumberland—North arm.
Herald—East wall.
Hermes—in dock.
Keppel—North wall.
Marazion—South wall.
Moth—No. 8 buoy.
Oswald—West wall.
Pandora—East wall.
Perseus—West wall.
Phoenix—West wall.
Proteus—East wall.
Tamar—Basin.
Veteran—West wall.
Whitehall—North arm.
Whitshed—North arm.
Wren—No. 7 buoy.
Foreign Men-of-War.
Argus—French river gunboat.
Gill Eanes—Portuguese transport.
Saga—Japanese gunboat.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 0h. is midnight, 12 hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when should be subtracted from the depths.

March 23 to 29, 1932.

Date	High Water Standard Ht.	Low Water Standard Ht.
Mar. 23	10 56 05 51 0.9	22 68 15 43 1.5
24	10 38 03 24 1.3	23 14 62 16 32 1.2
25	11 10 02 04 1.5	— 17 25 1.0
26	00 08 05 05 25 2.4	11 41 05 18 24 1.1
27	01 05 04 05 50 2.8	12 19 10 19 35 1.2
28	02 20 03 06 05 3.2	12 59 04 21 05 1.3
29	— 13 45 04 22 38 1.3	

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS

Monday, March 21.

Santhia, British str., 4,840 tons, Capt. H. F. H. Gibson, from Amoy, buoy No. A6.—M.M. & Co.

Warfield, British str., 3,905 tons, Capt. R. Steel, from Rangoon, Kowloon Wharf.—M.M. & Co.

Tuesday, March 22.

Clara Jebson, Danish str., 1,145 tons, Capt. K. Dahl, from Saigon, buoy No. B9.—Yuen On.

Dorry, Chinese str., 1,083 tons, Capt. J. Bruhn, from Macao, buoy No. C2.—Chau Yue Teng.

Hanggang, British str., 1,850 tons, Captain A. D. Kelman, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J.M. & Co.

Kanchow, British str., 1,222 tons, Capt. J. W. Jenkins, from Canton, buoy No. C4.—B. & S.

Kingyuan, British str., 1,546 tons, Capt. John Taylor, from Holkow, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.

Klunghow, British str., 1,545 tons, Capt. A. N. Taylor, from Swatow, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.

Modesta, Norwegian str., 8,478 tons, Capt. J. Thorwig, from Swatow, buoy No. A10. Kwong

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Milkesan Maru, Japanese str., 1,962 tons, Capt. Hara, from Milke, buoy No. B23.—M.B.K.

Sunkong, Chinese str., 822 tons, Capt. Leung Pat, from K.C. Wan, buoy No. B10.—Wo Hop & Co.

Wichita, American str., 3,856 tons, Capt. D. Holt, from Manila, buoy No. A5.—States S.S. Co.

Tuesday, March 22.

Dorry, for Quinhon.

Halching, for Swatow.

Havel, for Shanghai.

Hangsang, for Canton.

Hopsang, for Canton.

Kanchow, for Tientsin.

Kiungchow, for Canton.

Meerkirk, for Singapore.

Modesta, for Singapore.

President Wilson, for Manila.

Sinkking, for Swatow.

Shantung, for Shanghai.

Tchekam, for Holkow.

Illinois, for San Francisco.

Tjondori, for Muntok.

Tsang Wo, for Saigon.

CLEARANCES.

Tuesday, March 22.

Dorry, for Quinhon.

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Havel, for Shanghai.

Hangsang, for Canton.

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RAJPUTANA	17,000	1932. 26th Mar. Noon	Marseilles & London.
*MIRZAPORE	6,700	30th Mar. Noon	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
†BURDWAN	6,500	2nd Apr.	Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CORFU	15,000	9th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	23rd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPUR	17,000	7th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
†SOMALI	6,800	14th May	Hamburg, Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	4th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
†BANGALORE	6,500	11th June	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
NALDEERA	16,000	18th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	2nd July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
†BHUTAN	6,000	9th July	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MANTUA	11,000	30th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
†SUDAN	6,800	6th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	18th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPUR	17,000	27th Aug.	Marseilles & London.
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S.T.A.	Tons	1932.	From	Destination
TALMA	10,000	1932. 3rd Apr.		
TALAMBA	8,000	19th Apr.		Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKADA	7,000	1st May		

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S.N.	Tons	1932.	From	Destination
NANKIN	7,000	2nd Apr.		
VELLORE	7,000	50th Apr.	Manila, Bahau, Brisbane, Sydney	
TANDA	7,000	3rd June	& Melbourne.	

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S.S.	Tons	1932.	From	Destination
RAWALPINDI	17,000	24th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.	
WARFIELD	6,000	24th Mar.	Amoy & Shanghai.	
TALAMBA	8,000	25th Mar.	Amoy, Moli, Kobe & Yokohama.	
VELLORE	7,000	4th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.	
BOMPAU	6,800	5th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.	
TAKADA	17,000	7th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.	
CHITRAL	7,000	8th Apr.	Amoy, Shai, Moli, Kobe & Osaka.	
SHIRDHANA	15,000	21st Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.	
BANGALORE	8,000	22nd Apr.	Amoy, Moli, Kobe & Yokohama.	
ZAPPAH	6,500	30th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.	
LAWA	17,000	5th May	Amoy, Shai, Moli, Kobe & Osaka.	
TANDA	10,000	6th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.	
NALDEERA	7,000	6th May	Shanghai, Moli, Kobe & Yama.	
VELHUTAN	16,000	19th May	Shanghai, Moli, Kobe & Yokohama.	
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	2nd June	Shanghai, Moli, Kobe & Yokohama.	
NANHIN	7,000	6th June	Shanghai, Moli, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.	
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RACING WITH THE TALL SHIPS

ROUND THE HORN.

How the Wheat Ships Thresh Along.

(Continued from Page 9.)

tells some of the boys that they might write to Gustaf Erikson, the grand old Finn of Mariehamn, Finland, who owns the greatest sailing fleet in the world, and apply for places as apprentices.

\$20 To Work Hard.

Finnish boys who want to follow the sea are willing to pay \$200 apiece to make the trip for experience, we read. Moreover:

Mr. Villiers declared that yachtsmen in this country also were enthusiastic about the grain race. Several have asked him why he did not make his ship into a training-ship for young Americans. He said that he had offers also from old seamen, from young Americans, officers in steam who were dissatisfied with steamships, or who wanted to sail.

Mr. Villiers said he reminds the girls who write to him that one girl went on the Herzogin Cecile once as a stowaway and that Capt. Reuben de Cloux had advised him if he ever found another aboard his ship she would be punished severely.

Captain de Cloux is master of Mr. Villiers' Parma.

Mr. Villiers remarked that many of the young men applicants are graduates of American universities during the last two years.

"These boys," he said, "seem earnestly to want to get away from the pressure of things as they now exist. They seem to want to leave this so-called civilization, or whatever it is, behind them and to get as far away from it all as possible."

Mr. Villiers will leave about the middle of February, and expects to arrive in Port Lincoln, South Australia, about the middle of March, and to sail soon after that. The trip normally requires about three months from South Australia to Falmouth.

Several Americans have inspected ships that the United States might enter in the competition. Capt. P. A. McDonald, of Winslow, Washington, has written, "Just find the man with enough red sporting blood in him, and enough money to handle the thing in a proper and seaman-like manner, and I will show you the ship." He would enter the Moshulu. Mr. Villiers contends that an American ship could pick up cargo of grain and make the race as profitably as the German, Finnish, and Swedish vessels.

Thirteen and a Winter Voyage.

Mr. Villiers rounded the Horn in square-rigger with only nineteen hands, he recalls in his reminiscent account in The Herald Tribune Magazine.

The following year, "in the ship Grace Harwar, we had thirteen." In 1928 Mr. Villiers sailed in the famous Herzogin Cecile, "which was built in 1902 as a German

ship, and under the German flag sailed with a crew of more than 100. We sailed her with nineteen!" Reading on:

I met an old master of the Grace Harwar recently, "when she was under the British flag, and he told me he considered her unmaned with thirty. We had thirteen—for a depth of Winter Cape Horn rounding in a 2,000-ton full-rigged ship, scupper-deep with grain.

Well, the Cape Horn gales shrieked at us, and our decks were covered with ice before we were around-fifty-seven days after leaving Wallaroo. The ship leaked; we had a boy killed aloft; we had another overboard; we had an officer go insane; we were short of food, and living on rotten potatoes and a bad pig for a month. We were 138 days from land to land.

But we brought the ship home. We completed the voyage. She made a slight profit on the freight, at the cost of life, of human suffering, of sanity.

The master was thirty-two, and the average age of the crew was eighteen. There were six able seamen. There was not even a cabin-boy. Cabin-boys are not carried now.

We were last that year—a bad last—in a fleet of fourteen ships. Well, we did not mind. We were mighty glad to complete the voyage at all.

A Grand Race.

In 1928 we were first, with a passage of ninety-six days in the Herzogin Cecile. That was a grand race. We left the same day, from the same port, with the famous Swedish fourmaster Beatrice (which was carrying passengers to Australia as the Scottish Routenburn nearly fifty years ago).

The Swedes liked their chance; they said they could chew us up. We told them to go to it. The Beatrice was a game rival; we could see that. We knew her record. But we guessed that we had the better vessel for the Cape Horn road—tall and fleet, and immensely strong, steel to her trucks, capable of standing up to any wind the sea could send along.

The Swedish Government donated a cup for the winner and the Swedish underwriters gave a cup for the winning master. The owners of the Beatrice, backing their vessel, added another trophy. The owner of the Herzogin Cecile didn't offer anything.

We were ninety-six days, and the Beatrice was 112. We took all the trophies. After that there were more trophies, donated while the Herzogin Cecile was in the race.

We sailed from Australia to Cape Horn in thirty-three days; we were sixteen of those getting to New Zealand. We sailed the 5,000 miles between us at sea and the Army in from New Zealand to the Horn in the trenches was that we didn't seventeen days. That was usually have wounded men. We

were either in or out on the sea or about all. The next thing was beneath it, dead or alive. It was land. No, I was never in a ship a quick finish for those of us who got hit by a torpedo.

Captain Stockwell would not talk

about his experiences in the famous "Trenches." People used to write to me and say, "I'm sorry for you men in those terrible days. You must be hardly able to get any sleep." But that wasn't true. We managed to sleep in our watch below all night. I think we slept more than the men in the trenches.

Asked if he was sorry to leave active life, he said, "Yes, I am."

He said he had been a sailor for

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BUSINESS DIRECTORY

WATER RETURN.

The level and storage of water in the reservoirs on March 1, 1932, were as under:

City and Hill District 1931 1932

Tytam 24' 11" B 15' 8" B

Tytam Byewash 28' 2" B 24' 11" B

Tytam Intermediate 35' 3" B 37' 8" B

Tytam Tuk 32' 1" B 33' 8" B

Wong Nei Chung 24' 6" B 21' 7" B

Pokfulum 21' 1" B 10' 4" B

Aberdeen Upper 27' 5" B

Aberdeen Lower 27' 5" B

Total 1,038.79 1,140.22

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of February, 1932.

1931 1932

Tytam 201.34 238.09*

Estimated population 456,020 382,250

Consumption per head per day 15.0 21.5

* Includes 1.56 million gallons from Mainland.

February, 1931.—From February 1 to 28 a constant street fountain supply was operated in all Rider Main Districts excepting 3 days (15th-17th) inclusive when a Full Supply was given on account of Chinese New Year.

February, 1932.—From February 1 to 29 a constant street fountain supply was operated in all Rider Main Districts excepting 3 days (4th-6th) inclusive when a Full Supply was given on account of Chinese New Year.

Kowloon 1931 1932

Kowloon Main 14' 0" B 14' 4" B

Kowloon Byewash 5' 7" B 11' 1" B

Reservoir 11' 8" B L

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

1931 1932

Kowloon Main 222.09 219.93

Kowloon Byewash 9.40 .38.33

Reservoir 94.50 75.32

Shing Mun Reception 6.22 33.15

Total 332.72 366.78

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of February, 1932.

1931 1932

Consumption 117.54 131.47

Estimated population 179,140 296,500

Consumption per head per day 23.4 15.3

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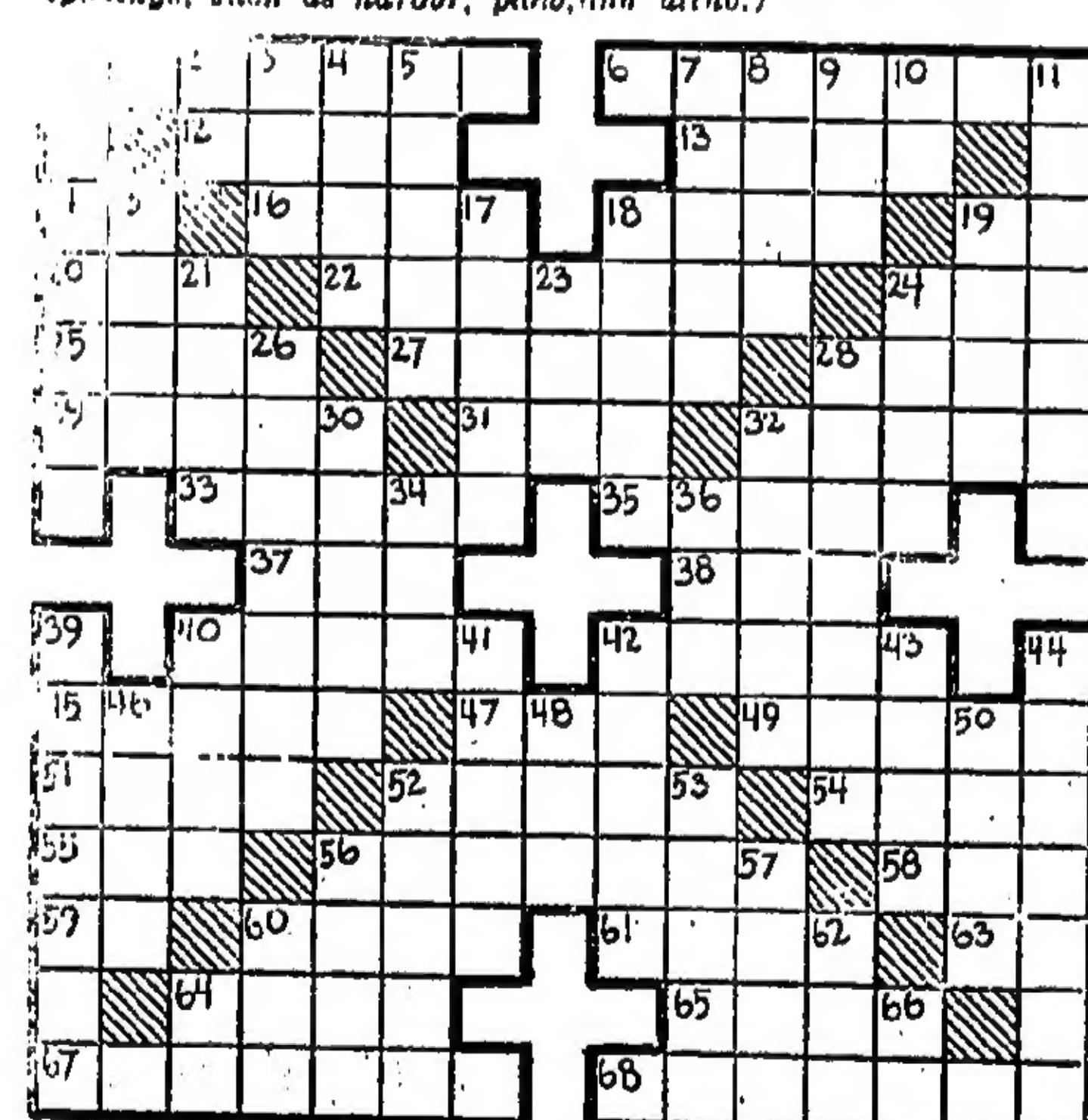
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, piano, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
1-Pagan
6-Tract of land, surrounded by water (pl.)
12-Indite
13-Indite
14-Pronoun
15-Greek god of war
18-Greatest quantity
19-Toward
20-A chart
22-A pastry (pl.)
24-A textile fabric
25-Brother of Jacob (Bib.)
27-Drink to health of
28-Percolate
29-Realines
31-Prefix Before
32-Disgrace
33-Hoard
35-Scraped with a rake
37-Epoch
38-To strike gently
40-Fortified city in N. Italy
42-Refined ore
45-Removes the core of
47-Man's name
49-Rub out
51-A sudden Invasion
52-A trap

VERTICAL (Cont.)
54-A regulated course of eating
55-A poisonous snake
56-Making lace
58-To do, as flax
59-A liquid measure (abbr.)
60-Nocturnal flying mammals
61-English school
62-Mail (abbr.)
64-Cut off the skin of
65-Masculine name
67-Claims
68-Applied remedies to

17-Blant
18-One who hoards
19-Abound
21-Do by
22-Flat-bodied fish
24-River
28-Spoke
29-One who attends sheep
30-Inflamed places on the skin
32-Flat-bodied fish
34-Moved rapidly
36-Consumed
38-Scratched
40-Journey
41-Tongue
42-Girl's name
43-Den
44-Decided
46-Kiln for drying
48-Rodent
50-Appear
52-Satisfied
53-Penetrate
54-Number
56-Insect
58-Mountain lake
60-Sheep
62-Noah (Syr.)
64-Purchase of goods
66-Thoroughfare (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.

PLAY OUT OF THE COMMON.

DR. JOHNSON ON THE STAGE.

G. K. CHESTERTON COMEDY.

The Arts Theatre deserves real credit for having produced G. K. Chesterton's "The Judgment of Doctor Johnson." Here is a play quite out of the common run, and full of all sorts of fine qualities with which the purely commercial theatres seldom supply us, yet lacking many of those other fine qualities which the purely commercial theatres deem essential,

writes W. A. D. in the Daily Telegraph.

Its story is slight, and, even so, not well told. It is as though Mr. Chesterton, recognising that his story was only intended as a peg on which to hang a portrait of Doctor Johnson, and a great deal of brilliant conversation, had decided to waste as little time on it as possible.

It tells us of an idealistic American acting as a spy in London, and of his faithful little wife who, following her husband's aberrations, goes from Puritanism to profligacy and back again. But Mr. Chesterton is content merely to tell us of these changes in her. He gives us no chance of seeing for ourselves either that she is a Puritan in Act I, or that she is a profligate in Act III. In fact, he writes as a novelist, not as a dramatist.

GOOD WRITING.

The important thing is, however, that he writes uncommonly well. However modestly and wittily he may have disclaimed credit for the laughter of the audience, dividing the praise between the actors and Boswell, the fact remains that there were many impressive passages and much fine argument in which, though the mouth was the mouth of Johnson, the words were manifestly the words of Chesterton.

Still, his tribute to the actors was, in large measure, deserved. Francis L. Sullivan, as Johnson, added one more excellent performance to his score; and Leon Quartermaine, as Jack Wilkes, was admirable when once he had conquered an initial attack of nerves.

Miriam Adams made, I think, all that could be made of Mary Swift; for the reason explained above, it is a poor acting part. Wilfrid Walter was not comfortable with John Swift's realistic vapourings, but did his best.

Scattered items: Lloyd Hughes, now in "The Miracle Man," celebrates his fifteenth year in pictures this month ... Edmund Lowe, about to co-star with Claudette Colbert in "Sensation," grows a vegetable called a "topepo," a cross between a tomato and a pepper, on his ranch in the Santa Cruz mountains ... Forty years ago, Judge Charles Cooper, father of Gary Cooper, was the Helen, Mont., correspondent for the New York Clipper ... George Bancroft is growing a set of red whiskers for early sequences in his next film, "On the Black Sea."

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

EAST ROMAN RIBES
RILE EBONY SERIE
GRIN VEST SCORE
STALEMENT STANDS
SNARE HAUL
BB TNT SADDLERS
REP DEBTS SEVEN
ALLES DEATH DIVA
NINES STEAK LEG
DEDICATE MIDLS
ZEUS FILETS
STRUNG BILLETS
HEART LINT DYKE
GNGE RODEO ELIA
GOOGS STERIO DENT

POP — Marriage, 1932 Model.

ARE YOU HAPPY NOW THAT YOU'RE MARRIED

YES! RATHER ONLY I CAN'T BEAR MY HUSBAND!

TALKIE VOICES ARE BETTER.

THOSE EARLY NASSI GYMNASTICS.

(By Arthur Lloyd James, University Reader in Phonetics, London.)

Has the voice of the talkie improved? Yes, a thousand times yes, despite the croakers who deny that it has. There are always Jeremiahs, and they are conspicuous for one mental characteristic only. They have short memories.

My first talkie, only a few years ago, was an experience. I went to study the affair scientifically, because like Troch, I had a plan. If not a plan, a theory, based on years of investigation and broadcasting.

The theory was, and is, that there is in every language a certain inciseness of sound that you must hear in order to understand what is being said. Telephones, gramophones, and other machines must provide this minimum, otherwise they are useless, and I set about to determine, if possible, of what this minimum consists.

It is a mixture of context, sounds, rhythm, and intonation; when the speaker is visible, the eye enters in, and picks up odd bits of information, like gesture, or shape of the mouth.

And there is a critical speed for speech, beyond which speech becomes nonsense; this speed is higher when the speaker is visible than when he is invisible—a fact that broadcasting comedians would do well to remember, which they seldom do.

So I went to test my theory, but nothing happened. I hardly understood one single word that was spoken. What emerged from the loud speaker was miles below the intelligibility line.

Shrieking female voices, pitched well beyond the limits of the recording apparatus, did nasal gymnastics that had no acoustic similarity to any known brand of English speech.

And in parentheses, let it here be said, and on grounds that can be supported by the historical development of certain languages, that over-prevalent nasalisation is a powerful contributor to unintelligibility on the talking film.

Now things are better: apparatus, both recording and reproducing, has improved, and voices are evidently more carefully vetted before they are allowed to perform.

What comes over now, whether British or American, is well above the intelligibility line, though to British ears, of course, the American voice still has elements of unfamiliarity, just as the British voice must have to American ears.

But we are becoming more tolerant. Personally, I cannot but regret that we hear so much more of uneducated American speech than we do of the educated variety, because people in this country whose only knowledge of American society is what they derive from sensational talkies do really believe that all Americans talk the same, like crooks and gangsters. Which is, of course, absurd.

But let us not suppose that we are without guile. There is plenty of bad English—bad at both ends of the social scale—to be heard on this side of the Atlantic. Nobody can throw stones.

England and America have the future of the English language to settle between them, for richer or poorer, for better or for worse.

The talking film is a powerful educator, linguistic and sociological; linguistically it is improving, but it has not yet earned full marks.

THE GALLANT ADVENTURE.

GLADYS COOPER'S NEW PART.

"KING, QUEEN, KNAVE."

Ruritania is not what it was. In the old days the gallant adventurer placed his beloved princess on her throne, kissed the hem of her garment, and vanished into the night. But in the new Ruritania, as H. M. Harwood and R. Gore Browne exhibited it to us in "King, Queen, Knaves" at the Playhouse, the story goes quite differently.

Edmond Breon, as the king, is a more credible Royalty; but he, too, has a surprising fund of colloquial English, considering. Doris Lytton contributes a clearcut piece of work, and Frank Harvey, Jack Bligh, Gilbert Davis, and Frank Cochrane are all good. There is also a creditable piece of doubling by that master of makeup, Antony Hopkins. —W. A. D. in The Daily Telegraph.

"ON THE BLACK SEA."

GEORGE BANCROFT TO STAR IN NEW DRAMA.

George Bancroft will return to the dramatic background of sea adventure for his next Paramount starring production, it was revealed recently when Paramount announced the purchase of the European play, "On the Black Sea."

As a vivacious coquette who attempts to conquer the spirit of a domineering sea-man, Miriam Hopkins will appear opposite the star in this adventurous action story aboard a tramp liner in seldom-travelled waters.

Direction of "On the Black Sea" will be in the hands of John Cromwell, director of Bancroft's two recent film successes, "Scandal Sheet"

SIX KILLED.

Family Wiped Out By Young Farmer.

Paris, February 11. Attracted by the neighing of a horse, neighbours entered a farmhouse near Agen and found dead the six members of the Dieulafe family, representing four generations. Five of the victims had been killed in their beds, a hatchet, a knife, and rifle all being used to mutilate the bodies. Everything in the house was in an orderly state, and nothing had been stolen.

Tearless and unmoved, Pierre Dieulafe, a young farmer, after being questioned by the police throughout the night, confessed that he massacred his wife, grandmother, uncle, mother, daughter, and baby in turn. Afterwards he assisted the police to reconstruct the crime, still showing no signs of remorse. He said: "I lost all control of myself. I hated my family."

Synthetic rubber is now being manufactured.

The sex of an unborn child can now be ascertained three months before birth by the X-ray.

AND "RICH MAN'S FOLLY."

Completion of star-director-writer combination comes with the assignment of Oliver H. P. Garrett to prepare the screen play from the Philipp Zeka-Erest Spitz drama. Garrett has been scenarist on a number of Bancroft vehicles.



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INWARD MAIIS.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28.

Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers, London, Feb. 25, and Parcels, Feb. 18) ... Rawalpindi

THURSDAY, MARCH 29.

Shanghai and Swatow ... Kaying

FRIDAY, MARCH 30.

Japan ... Atsuta Maru

U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, March 5) ... President Madison

Japan and Shanghai ... Rajputana

MONDAY, MARCH 31.

Manila ... President Wilson

TUESDAY, MARCH 30.

Saigon ... Georges Philippart

Shanghai and Japan ... Felix Roussel

OUTWARD MAIIS.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28.

Amoy ... Tai Yuan ... 8.30 p.m.
Rabaul ... Bremerhaven ... 4 p.m.
Fort Bayard ... Sun Kong ... 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ... Dell Maru ... 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia ... Rawalpindi ... 10.30 p.m.
Straits ... Cremer ... 10.30 a.m.

Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa and S. American Ports ... Santor Maru ... 10.30 a.m.

Amoy ... King Yean ... 8.30 p.m.

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Registration ... Mar. 25, 15 a.m.

Letters ... 10 a.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30.

Bangkok via Swatow ... Mui Nam ... 10 a.m.

Hohkow and Pekin ... Kiangchow ... 10 a.m.

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GOTHE CENTENARY CELEBRATED.

Sir John Simon's Appreciation.

"OLYMPIAN FIGURE."

Rugby, Yesterday. The Minister for Education, Sir Donald Maclean, presided at the Government luncheon, held in the House of Commons to-day in connection with the Goethe Centenary celebrations.

Among the guests were Herr Treiranus, the German Minister of Communications and Transport. At further celebrations which were held to-night, the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, also paid tribute to the "Memory of an Olympian figure who not only belongs to Germany, but who stands for all time as a great citizen of the world."

Sir John described Goethe as the precursor of the spirit of international tolerance, so much needed to-day, and declared that there was no country other than his own country, where Goethe's name was held in higher reverence than in Britain.—British Wireless Service.

ALL MOTOR BUSES MOBILISED.

Situation on Eastern Line is Critical.

MINOR ENGAGEMENTS.

Harbin, To-day. As the Japanese cannot arrange transport for their troops by railway on the Eastern section of the Chinese Eastern Railway, they are mobilising all motor-buses.

It is reported that the situation on the Eastern line is critical. Several minor engagements have taken place in the vicinity of Imienpo and Hengtaohotge.—Reuter.

ALL-INDIA MOSLEM CONFERENCE.

"Direct Action" May Be Necessary.

MOSLEM DEMANDS.

Lahore, Yesterday. Threat of "direct action" unless the Government accedes to Moslem demands by the end of June is contained in a resolution passed at the All-India Moslem Conference, which has now instructed a working committee to draw up a programme to be launched on July 8.—Reuter.

JUNKERS AIRCRAFT COMPANY.

Now Financially Embarrassed.

Dussau, Yesterday. In spite of book assets exceeding liabilities by over M 10,000,000 the Junkers Aircraft Company is financially embarrassed, but it is

SERIOUS FREE STATE COMMUNICATION.

Threat of Immediate and Terrible War.

ANSWER TO-MORROW.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons Mr. Thomas announced that he had received from the Irish Free State Commissioner a most important and serious document dealing with the Irish situation and he hoped to announce the contents of the document and the Government's answer to-morrow.

London, Later. In a statement to-day in which he advised Mr. J. H. Thomas as to the policy of his Government regarding the Oath of Allegiance, the High Commissioner in London says that the British Government must realise that real peace in Ireland is impossible as long as full and free representation of the people in their Parliament is rendered

FINE TO CLOUDY.

The weather report issued by the Royal Observatory to-day states:—

A moderate anti-cyclone has developed over North China and South Manchuria.

Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fine to cloudy.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.14 inch.

Total since January 1, 4.63 inches, against an average of 5.24 inches.

Temperature.

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Swatow	57
Chefoo	85
Shanghai	45

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The man was brought before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning, when he pleaded guilty and was fined \$600 or four months, in default. R. O. Ward prosecuted.

SHAUKIWAN ROAD MOTOR SPILL.

Sudden Swerve That Driver Fails to Explain.

FOUR PERSONS INJURED.

A motor accident occurred on the Shaukiwan Road at 8.45 a.m. yesterday. A motor lorry, loaded with fish and seven passengers, overturned in the middle of the road. As a result of the spill four persons—Tsang Tai (26), Ho Tze-wing (32), Cho Sun (35), and Lo Ming (20)—were injured and taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

In his report to the Police, the driver, Woo Shan, stated he was driving to town from Shaukiwan. When between the East and West gates of the Taikoo Dockyard, the lorry swerved suddenly to the right, and he was unable to explain the reason. This caused the lorry to topple over on its side. The lorry was owned by the Hang Kee Motor Transportation Company.

The four persons taken to hospital are believed to be not seriously hurt. One of them, Lo Ming was allowed to proceed home, after receiving treatment.

OPIUM SMUGGLER CAUGHT.

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Defendant (from the dock)—I don't know anything about that.

His Worship—All right, application dismissed, sentence confirmed.

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